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ELECTION/RESTRICTION

Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-14, drawn to a cellulose ester film a polarizer comprising the cellulose ester film and a liquid crystal display comprising the cellulose ester film.